Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; and,

WHEREAS, Deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, Many of our great national leaders, such as Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, paid tribute to the important influence the Bible has had in the development of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, The history of our nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Holy Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies; and,

WHEREAS, The Bible provides a major source of hope for all people of the world; and,

WHEREAS, The renewing of knowledge and faith in God through Holy Scripture reading can strengthen nations, families, and individuals; and,

WHEREAS, Numerous individuals and organizations around the world are joining hands to encourage international Bible reading in 1990:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclain the year 1989 as

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIBLE READING

in South Dakota and urge all South Dakotans to study the Holy Scriptures and apply their teachings in all your actions and interactions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE